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To the Editor:

The pamphlet written by the University Committee on AIDS is being distributed. Its 31 pages include a brief review of the epidemiology of the now-called HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) infection, a description of the manifestations of the various kinds of infections, guidelines for "safe sex," information on testing, and a listing of resources available for further information and help.

No one can predict with certainty where the present AIDS epidemic and the issues around it will go. Will there be an effective treatment or even a cure? There is none now. Will there be a vaccine to prevent further infections as there is for hepatitis-B? There is none in sight. Will the proportion of heterosexual and non-drug using individuals with AIDS increase in this country as is the rule elsewhere? This may already be happening.

Whatever the future holds, this most urgent public health problem deserves the attention of us all. Any student who has misplaced his or her AIDS pamphlet, or who does not receive one in the distribution this month is urged to pick one out of the informational brochure racks at the Health Service. The booklets, a shiny light blue in color, are available in all the waiting areas, free of charge, and are important to your health and to the health of those you care about and will care about in the future.

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